

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7

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Ms. Carol Comer, Director Missouri Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176

Dear Ms. Comer:

Welcome to Missouri in your new role as director of the Department of Natural Resources. Prior to your arrival, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a review of the Missouri Underground Storage Tank program. A draft of this report was transmitted on November 28, 2016, to the MDNR Division of Environmental Quality director, and the Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund chairman and executive director.

The enclosed final report findings should assist in your evaluation of the tank program in preparation for the revised State Program Approval process in late 2018. This final report is a result of the EPA's extensive file review, document review and interviews. It also considers, and as appropriate incorporates, input on the draft report that the EPA received from MDNR and PSTIF during a meeting on January 12, 2017, as well as written comments from PSTIF received on March 21, 2017.

Thank you for the cooperation of the state staff during our review. We look forward to assisting the state in protecting Missouri's citizens and environment from underground storage tank releases. If you have any questions, please contact me at (913) 551-7333, or John Smith at (913) 551-7845, or smith.john@epa.gov.

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